

**WEATHER FORECAST:**

Colder tonight; fair tomorrow.  
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## NAVAL OFFICERS DENY SCANDAL ATTACHES TO ADMIRAL EATON'S NAME

**Captain Trench, Speaking for Colleagues, Declares His Record Is Unblemished, and That He Is Remembered in the Capital Circles as an Excellent Leader.**

### WIDOW NOW CHARGED WITH MURDER WAS BORN AND REARED IN ALEXANDRIA

Washington and Alexandria, especially army and navy circles, are keenly interested in the poisoning mystery in Hingham, Mass., in which Mrs. Jennie May Eaton is held, charged with having poisoned her husband, Rear Admiral Eaton, with arsenic.

Naval officers who remember Admiral Eaton during his service in the Capital, deny reports that there is a scandal attaching to his record. Speaking for them, Capt. Martin E. Trench, a bureau assistant of the department, who knew the dead admiral personally, says: "Admiral Eaton's record is clear and unblemished, so far as the navy is concerned, and he is remembered in Washington as an excellent officer."

Mrs. Jennie May Eaton was born forty years ago in Alexandria, on Prince Street, between Royal and Fairfax streets. Her father was George W. Harrison, a wholesale fish merchant, operating a packing house at King and Lee streets. More than thirty years ago he left Alexandria and came to this city to live. He was drowned while crossing Thunder bay some years ago. Several years after the family removed here, the future Mrs. Eaton married D. A. Ainsworth.

It was in Washington that the future Mrs. Eaton, as a nurse in the admiral's home, first met him. It is said that she married him here, although no official record of the wedding has been found.

**Eaton Home Will Be  
Destroyed in Search  
For Murder Evidence**

NORWELL, Mass., March 22.—The poison hunt growing out of the death of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton and the arrest of his widow on a charge of murder continued today, with the police throughout New England investigating all possible leads.

A rumor was current today that some time before tonight a corps of State police officers practically will demolish the Eaton home. The ashes in the yard of the house will be sifted, the hen yard will be dug up, and the entire place ransacked completely. The exact object of the search is not known.

The officials are following every clue that might lead to a solution of the mystery surrounding the death of Admiral Eaton, even though it be ever so slight. Today they are expected to grill Thomas Tom, a neighbor of the Eatons, who knew the family well, and who is said to have declared that Admiral Eaton used poison. His statement is in line with the entirely new report that the admiral was an arsenic eater and may have taken an overdose.

**Takes Confinement Calmly.**  
District Attorney Barker and State Officer Scott practically contradicted each other today when the former declared that no other arrests would be made, while Scott said such an arrest might follow if the discovery of a poison sale was made.

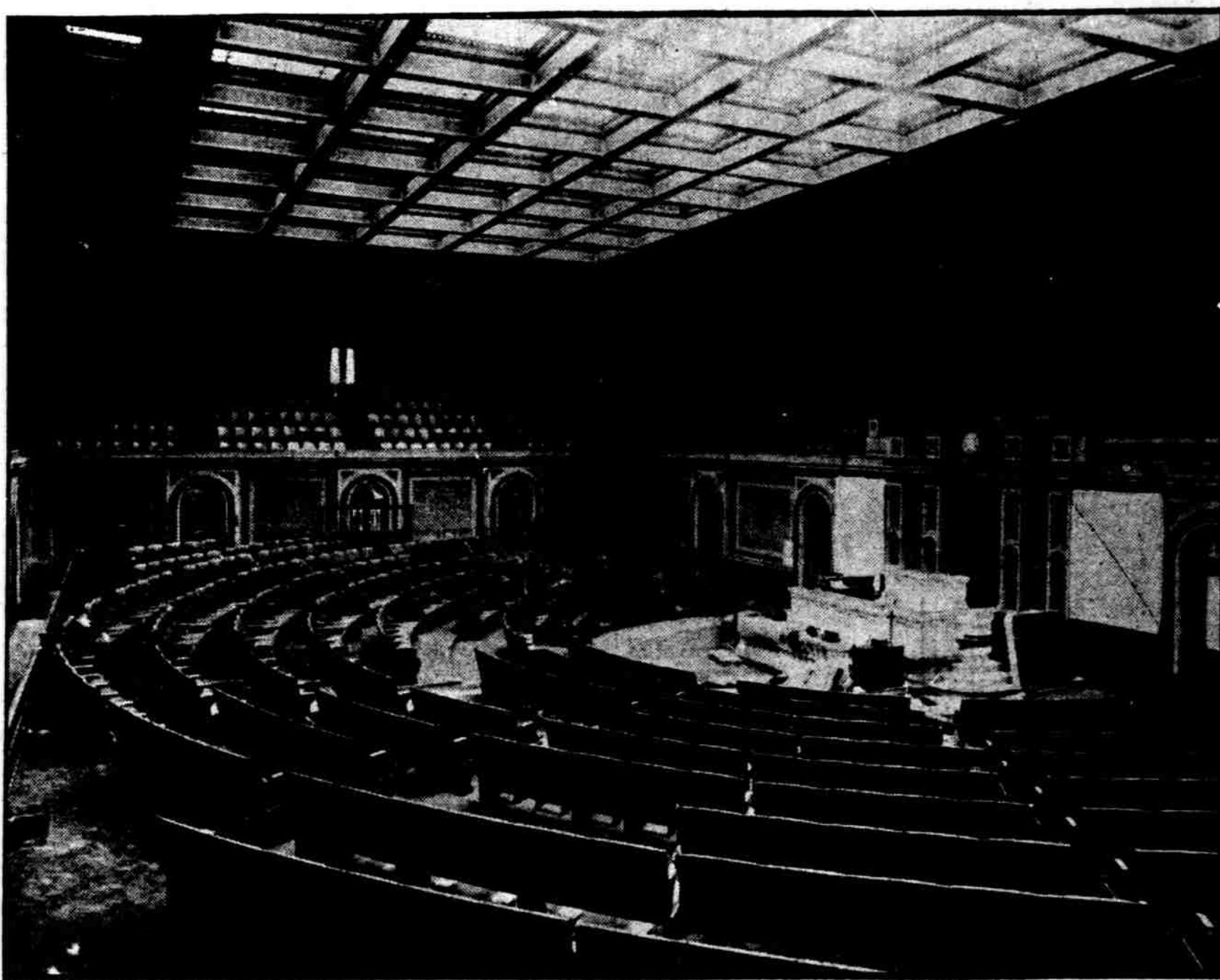
Meanwhile, in the Plymouth jail, Mrs. Eaton was taking her confinement very calmly. She passed last night the same as her first night in jail—sleeping soundly. She awoke early, ate a hearty breakfast, and on the whole appeared very cheerful.

Mrs. Eaton is optimistic regarding her release, and reiterated her statement: "I will be out in a few days."  
She wrote two letters, but the contents and addresses were withheld by Sheriff Porter. Mrs. Eaton's chief concern is for her mother, Mrs. Harrison, who is very ill as the result of her daughter's arrest.

One of the most singular features of the Eaton case is the fact that both Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton and his wife, who is held in the Plymouth county jail charged with his murder, apparently were in deadly fear of being poisoned.

Admiral Eaton, according to James (Continued on Fifth Page.)

## How National House Looks With Benches Instead of Desks and Chairs



—Photo by G. V. Buck.

### WEATHER CHIEF RESIGNS PLACE

**Prof. Willis Moore to Leave  
Service After Twenty-five  
Years in Harness.**

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, resigned today. His resignation was sent to President Wilson and accepted, effective July 2. Secretary of Agriculture Houston called on the President this afternoon to discuss the resignation. A successor has not been mentioned and neither the President nor the Secretary of Agriculture has decided upon a man for the position.

The immediate cause of the resignation is not known. It was stated definitely at the White House, in response to inquiries, that Prof. Moore was not asked to resign.

**Wanted Cabinet Post.**  
He was an ambitious candidate for the position of Secretary of Agriculture, possibly putting forth more effort to capture a Cabinet position than any of the men who were finally successful. This, coupled with the fact that he has been in the service for a quarter of a century, may have led Prof. Moore to the conclusion that the Federal service offered nothing further, and that he might as well resign.

**Owner of Fine Farm.**  
In leaving the Government service, Prof. Moore is able to retire to the comforts of a large farm near Rockville, the produce of which brings in an income, according to report, that almost equals his salary. He is also expected to exchange for his Treasury warrant.

The Weather Bureau has been built up to its present position and wide scope under Prof. Moore. The activities of the bureau are now so considerable that it cannot be properly turned over to the mere hands of a mere office hunter, and it is expected that President Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Houston will attempt to persuade a man of scientific training and large business capacity to take the job, although this will involve the doing of work for much less money than it is actually worth.

**Georgia Senators Urge  
Places for Countrymen  
In Plum Distribution**  
Senators Hoke Smith and Bacon of Georgia called at the Executive Offices this morning to urge on President Wilson the distribution of plums among Georgians. They are specially interested in the appointment of F. A. Stovall as minister to Switzerland, and W. J. Harris as director of the census.

**Dickinson to Remain  
In Charge of the Case  
Against Steel Trust**  
"Trustbuster" Jacob M. Dickinson, of the Department of Justice, who has had charge of the Steel Corporation case, is to be retained by the Democratic (Continued on Fourth Page.)

**Sun to Shine on Easter Hats**  
Easter morning will be fair and cold. The sun probably will shine upon the annual promenade on Connecticut avenue, when the millinery display will be fully equal to its traditions unless the prediction of the Weather Bureau is upset.  
In the afternoon there may be the threat of rain under leaden skies, but the morning is expected to be almost ideal for churchgoing.

### SCOUT STRICKEN IN HUNT FOR LOST BOY

**Leader of the Patrol Troop Has  
Attack of Appendicitis and  
Undergoes Operation.**

Stricken as a result of over-exertion in looking for Granville Dickey, the runaway boy, Leander Syme, the fifteen-year-old son of Attorney Conrad H. Syme, is in Emergency Hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Young Syme was in command of the patrol troop of Boy Scouts, which searched Rock Creek park and the surrounding country for the Dickey lad, whose father also is a lawyer. He worked industriously for twenty hours, tramping through the undergrowth, climbing hills and wading creeks, looking for the lost boy.

After the quest for the Dickey lad was ended, young Syme complained for the first time that he was not feeling well. His father summoned Dr. William P. Carr, who had the lad taken to Emergency Hospital. Later it was found that he was suffering from appendicitis and an operation was necessary.

It was reported this afternoon that the boy is out of danger, and probably will be able to leave the hospital within a few days.

### ICE PATROL AT SEA WILL BE ABOLISHED

**Government to Discontinue  
Precautions Taken After  
The Titanic Disaster.**

After all the talk and uproar over steps to increase the safety of life at sea, which followed the Titanic disaster a year ago, the Government has even refused to continue the ice patrol.

After the Titanic went down, the Navy Department ordered the scout cruisers Salem and Birmingham to patrol the North Atlantic through the dangerous season.

### EXPECT ROW OVER REMOVAL OF DESKS

**House Committee Thinks That  
Benches Are Most Practical  
Plan for Seating Members.**

A merry fight is likely to develop in the House as a result of the removal of the desks and the installation of "bench chairs" in order to provide ample seating capacity for the forty-four new Congressmen, and, until the question is definitely settled, the desks are being carefully stored, as it may be necessary to put them back.

Elliott Woods, superintendent of Capitol buildings and grounds, is supervising the alterations in the House chamber and is making all the changes temporary with a view of rechanging if the Congressmen decide they would rather have desks than benches.

There were 400 desks under the former arrangement, but the benches make room for 400 persons. The benches have been adopted by the House committee, but are not yet a permanent arrangement.

Pending a decision by the members of the House as to whether the new seating system shall be definitely adopted, the old desks have been stored in the attic of the Senate Office building. The desks are favored by a large number of Congressmen, and to this end all the benches are being removed and the floor level changed to provide for the installation of the benches. The floor was also newly carpeted.

Congressmen are divided on the question of whether the benches should be used or whether forty extra desks should be installed. Mr. Woods explained that it would be necessary to provide smaller desks than were formerly used in an additional number if required as the 400 removed occupied all available space.

It is expected that a decision will be reached soon after the special session of Congress begins. It will then be possible to put in desks if wanted.

**Members Want Desks.**  
In the event that the desks are abandoned for use in the House there will be many claims for them, as members of the House have expressed a desire to use the desks they occupied. "Uncle Joe" Cannon would like to get the desk he had during his last term in Congress, and other Congressmen also are desirous of obtaining their former desks as souvenirs.

**Speaker Calls Upon  
Garrison and Daniels**  
Speaker Champ Clark "paid his respects" today to the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. In answer to questions from newspapermen, he declared his visits were entirely social, and that no political significance attached to them.

## THREE HUNDRED DEAD IN TERRIFIC STORM, LATEST REPORTS SAY

**Great Loss of Life in Twenty Gale-Swept States of South and Middle West Told in Dispatches Over Crippled Wires—Property Destroyed Runs Into Millions of Dollars.**

### ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI HARD HIT; TOWNS WIPED OUT; U. S. SENDS AID

Reports sifting into Washington this afternoon over crippled wires indicate that more than 300 persons were killed in the terrific gale that swept over twenty States in the South and Middle West, yesterday, injuring at least twice that number and causing property losses that will reach into the millions.

The death toll in the Southern States alone may reach 200. More than 400 persons were injured, some of them fatally.

From the Middle Western States about 100 persons were killed, and 300 injured, dispatches say.

Mississippi's dead are: Macon, 3; Burnsville, 5; Ruleville, 1; and Rienzi, 5.  
Louisiana—Leonard, 2; Saline, 3; Weller, 1; Ida, 1; and Burk Place, 2.  
Alabama—Peachtree, 40; Thomasville, 24; Decatur, 5; Huntsville, 4; Dumas, 3; and Morrison, 5.

**Town Wiped Out.**  
Three were killed at Hoxie, Ark., and fifteen were hurt. The town was wiped out.  
Five were killed at Black Rock, Ark. At Walnut Ridge, Ark., one was killed.

**Terrific Gale Rages  
In Vicinity of Buffalo;  
Grain Fleet Imperiled**

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 22.—The big storm from the West raged over the lake and out St. Lawrence river yesterday, during most of the night, and today found the city telephone and telegraph service crippled, many houses stripped of their roofs, and half finished buildings demolished. At times the wind exceeded eighty-eight miles an hour.

Water in the inner harbor rose five feet under the impact of the wind from the other side of the lake. The winter fleet, with immense cargoes of grain, was threatened with destruction, but rode through the storm safely. Fire tugs rescued a dozen fishermen from ice floes in the lake.

Reports from other towns in Western New York today indicate heavy damages. Niagara Falls and Tonawanda were as heavily hit as Buffalo.

**Toronto Storm-Swept,  
With Much Damage  
In Outlying Districts**

TORONTO, Ontario, March 22.—This city has a storm-swept appearance today, but the damage was mainly in the outlying districts. The roof of the Earles Court Methodist Church was blown away, and worshippers in St. Patrick's Catholic Church were thrown into a panic and showered with glass when the wind blew in most of the windows on one side of the building. The wind attained seventy miles an hour in this city, but reached a much greater velocity in other parts of the province.

**Hundred Are Killed  
As Storm Sweeps West;  
Property Loss Great**

CHICAGO, March 22.—The toll of dead in the storm that swept twenty States of the West and Middle West yesterday probably will reach 400. Six hundred were injured and the property loss will aggregate at least \$5,000,000.

Partially restored communication from towns in the South today brought reports of terrible destruction by tornadoes. The wire damage has been so great that it probably will be several days before the exact number of dead is known.

Trains crept in today from the Northwest several hours behind schedule. Telephone and telegraphic companies declared that the loss would be the most severe they have suffered for several years, when it is coupled with the aneroid. (Continued on Fourth Page.)

## Were They Insane on Poisons?

A close at hand study of the central figures in the Admiral Eaton mystery which has just resulted in the

### Arrest of a Washington Woman Charged With Poisoning Him.

**IN TOMORROW'S  
SUNDAY TIMES**